

**Honorable Michael M. Reyna, Chairman and CEO
Farm Credit Administration
Introduction of Dr. Dorothy Height
during
Black History Month Celebrations
McLean, Virginia
February 27, 2002**

With us today is a woman ... who has great faith herself, but also a woman who through her words and actions inspires others to have great faith too.

With us today is a woman ... who is a “beacon of hope” to all those who search for opportunity ... and a “symbol of hope” for all those who seek justice.

With us today is a woman ... who works with a sense of purpose, and who is determined to make sure that our country lives up to its creed ... “with liberty and justice for all.”

With us today is a woman ... who has been—and remains today—a powerful voice for positive social and economic change in this country ... and around the world.

With us today is a woman ... who has been—and is today—a friend of the powerful in our society, but also ... and maybe even more importantly ... a friend of the powerless in our society.

With us today is a woman ... who understands that being a leader ... means being of service to others ... and that leadership is having the courage and the ability to turn words into action and vision into reality.

With us today is a woman ... who has never let the ravages of racism ... the sins of segregation ... or the damage done by discrimination, cloud her vision of—or deter her efforts to create—a better world, in which we all can live in peace.

With us today is a woman ... who is a lady ... who is a legend ... and, who is nothing less than a national treasure.

With us today is a woman ... who has been a history maker and a woman who leaves a lasting legacy for the future.

Let there be no mistake ... with us today, is Dr. Dorothy Height.